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LISTED BELOW, PER DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, ARE SAMPLE  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON BILATERAL US-JAPAN MATTERS  
WHICH MIGHT COME UP AT THE SECRETARY'S PRESS CON-  
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### BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

1) Q: IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN A VERY CON-  
SIDERABLE REDUCTION IN THE IMBALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA. DO YOU FEEL THE MAJOR  
BILATERAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT ISSUES BETWEEN OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES ARE NOW BEING RESOLVED?

A: THE UNITED STATES WARMLY WELCOMES STEPS TAKEN  
BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE US IMPORTS TO  
JAPAN AND AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN JAPAN. OBVIOUSLY,  
MORE EFFORTS ARE NEEDED ON BOTH SIDES, SINCE THE RE-  
DUCTION IN THE TRADE IMBALANCE SO FAR IS DUE IN LARGE  
MEASURE TO HIGHER PRICES AND GREATER COMMODITY PURCHASES  
THAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE LARGELY TEMPORARY IN CHARACTER.  
THE U.S. MUST DO MORE TO EXPAND ITS EXPORTS AND JAPAN  
TO EXPAND IMPORTS OF BOTH CONSUMER AND INDUSTRIAL PRO-  
DUCTS. I WOULD SAY THAT WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS  
AND THAT WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO SEE VARIOUS ACTIONS  
THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO AL-  
LEVIATE THE PROBLEM. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE PROGRESS  
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WE HAVE SEEN UP TO NOW WILL CONTINUE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

2) Q: DURING THE JUST COMPLETED TALKS, HAS YOUR GOVERNMENT  
BEEN ABLE TO OFFER ANY ASSURANCES THAT SUPPLIES OF

SOYBEANS, SCRAP AND OTHER PRODUCTS TO JAPAN WILL BE RESTORED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL NOT BE LATER REIMPOSED?

A: I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE WORLD IS FACING A TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION FOR MANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THIS IS THE RESULT OF RISING DEMAND AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, A SHORTAGE OF SUPPLY. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS CROP SHORTFALLS IN MANY AREAS OF THE WORLD, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE US HAS REMAINED AT RECORD OR NEAR-RECORD LEVELS. THUS, THE BURDEN HAS FALLEN MORE HEAVILY ON THE US. NOW, THE US HAS BEEN BY FAR JAPAN'S LARGEST AND MOST DEPENDABLE AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIER. WE FULLY INTEND TO MAINTAIN THAT POSITION. WE HAVE MADE A MAJOR EFFORT TO INCREASE PRODUCTION IN THE US AND, DESPITE UNUSUALLY BAD WEATHER, WE THINK WE WILL SUCCEED. THE MOST RECENT CROP REPORT CONCERNING OUR PROSPECTIVE HARVESTS IN THE U.S. WAS QUITE OPTIMISTIC. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INCREASE OUR EXPORT AVAILABILITIES AND, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, ALLOCATE THESE EQUITABLY, TAKING INTO FULL ACCOUNT THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTOMERS.

3) Q: IT IS REPORTED THAT THE RAPIDLY GROWING JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HAWAII IS MEETING SEVERE CRITICISM FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE BECAUSE JAPANESE TOURISM IS BECOMING A "CLOSED SYSTEM" OF VIRTUALLY NO ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO HAWAII. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS TYPE OF AGGRESSIVE JAPANESE INVESTMENT?

A: JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HAWAII HAS BEEN HEAVILY CONCENTRATED IN THE TOURIST INDUSTRY AND REAL ESTATE. WHILE SUCH CONCENTRATION IS UNDERSTANDABLE, IT OFTEN LEADS TO COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROBLEMS. THE JAPANESE THEMSELVES CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF FOREIGN TOURISTS TO HAWAII AND IT IS NATURAL THAT THEY WOULD SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES THERE. SIMILARLY, THE SCARCITY  
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OF REAL ESTATE IN JAPAN MAKES OPPORTUNITIES FOR PURCHASE IN HAWAII VERY ATTRACTIVE.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ITSELF HAS DISTRIBUTED A PAPER THROUGHOUT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY DESCRIBING THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN IN HAWAII WITH JAPANESE INVESTMENT AND URGING THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN MAKING FUTURE INVESTMENTS.

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4) Q: COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY WAS ONE OF

THE MAJOR TOPICS OF YOUR TALKS. WERE YOU ABLE TO GET DOWN TO SPECIFICS ON AREAS SUCH AS THE JOINT U.S.-JAPANESE-SOVIET DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIAN GAS AND OIL RESOURCES?

A: ENERGY WAS A TOPIC THIS TIME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. BUT, IN THE NATURE OF THESE TALKS, WE DELAY WITH THE BROAD AREAS OF CONCERN, COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES FOR THE MORE CONVENTIONAL FUELS. WHILE WE DID NOT GET INTO DETAILS TO ANY GREAT EXTENT, WE DID CONFIRM OUR INTEREST IN CONTINUING TO CONSULT CLOSELY OVER THE DEVELOPMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN SIBERIA.

THE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY RESOURCES WILL REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., THE SOVIET UNION, AND JAPAN.

5) Q: IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY NAKASONE WHILE IN IRAN SAID JAPAN WOULD NOT JOIN ANY LEAGUE OF OIL USERS DESPITE THE FACT THAT SHE IS DEPENDENT ON BIG US AND EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES FOR MOST OF HER CRUDE OIL SUPPLY. COULD YOU COMMENT ON MR. NAKASONE'S STATEMENT?

A: WE BELIEVE IN THE CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY AREA, AND WE ARE SEEKING SPECIFIC METHODS  
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OF COOPERATION TO INCLUDE PRODUCING AS WELL AS CONSUMING COUNTRIES. COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES WILL ALSO BE DESIRABLE, BUT THIS COOPERATION CANNOT BECOME, OR EVEN SEEM TO BECOME A CONFRONTATION WITH THE OIL PRODUCING NATIONS.

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6) Q: MR. SECRETARY, IN VIEWING THE CHANGED SITUATION IN ASIA, ESPECIALLY AS RELATED TO DETENTE, THE END OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NIXON DOCTRINE, CAN WE EXPECT A FURTHER REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD?

A: THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY REDUCED ITS FORCES IN EAST ASIA VERY CONSIDERABLY; WE HAVE REDUCED OUR FORCES AS WELL AS OUR MILITARY FACILITIES IN JAPAN, THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN ASIA IS IMPROVING, AND WE HAVE TAKEN THAT INTO ACCOUNT IN THESE REDUCTIONS. BUT WHILE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES NOT TO BE OVERINVOLVED IN ASIA, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THE US NOT BE UNDERINVOLVED. WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN REDUCING TENSIONS IN THIS REGION OF THE WORLD AT A TIME WHEN WE WERE VERY MUCH A MILITARY PRESENCE. AND WE BELIEVE

THAT PRESENCE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN ACHIEVING THIS RESULTS. THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO KEEP ITS SECURITY COMMITMENTS IN ASIA, AND THAT REQUIRES THAT WE MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE MILITARY PRESENCE. OUR MILITARY POSTURE IN ASIA AND TOWARDS ASIA MUST BE BASED NOT ONLY ON THE INTENSIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES-WHICH NOW APPEAR TO US TO BE MUCH MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND PEACEFUL-BUT ALSO ON THE CAPABILITIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL. SO I FULLY EXPECT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP SOME FORCES IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD.

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1) Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES PLAN TO EFFECT ANY FURTHER BASE REDUCTIONS IN JAPAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

A: IN KEEPING WITH OUR AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN THE UNITED STATES CONTINUOUSLY KEEPS THE NEED FOR MILITARY FACILITIES AND AREAS IN JAPAN UNDER OBSERVATION AND WILL RETURN TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ANY WHICH ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. OF COURSE, A NUMBER OF RELEASES AND CONSOLIDATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED.

8) Q: THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS STORIES AND RUMORS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TRYING TO GET JAPAN TO INCREASE ITS SHARE OF THE DEFENSE BURDEN IN EAST ASIA. SOME REPORTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THIS IS PRIMARILY TIED TO THE U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM, AND THAT WHAT THE U.S. REALLY WANTS IS FOR JAPAN TO PURCHASE MORE WEAPONS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND IN THIS WAY BOTH DIMINISH THE BURDEN OF DEFENSE FOR THE U.S. AND HELP THE U.S. WITH ITS PAYMENTS PROBLEM. CAN YOU PLAIN U.S. POLICY ON THIS SUBJECT?

A: THE CURRENT EFFORTS AND PLANS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO SELF-DEFENSE SEEM VERY REASONABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE AWARE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS ON JAPAN'S SELF DEFENSE FORCES AND ARE NOT URGING JAPAN TO UNDERTAKE ANY MILITARY CAPABILITY TIES BEYOND THE DEFENSE OF THE HOME ISLANDS OF JAPAN.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS PURCHASED ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM UNITED STATES IN THE PAST AND IT WOULD BE LOGICAL FOR JAPAN TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S. IN THE FUTURE.  
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BUT SUCH SALES DO NOT IMPLY THAT THE U.S. IS ATTEMPTING TO EXPAND JAPAN'S DEFENSE ROLE BEYOND THAT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY DECIDED ON. JAPAN'S REGIONAL AND WORLD ROLE

9) Q: DO YOU SEE AN INCREASED ROLE FOR JAPAN IN ASIA AFFAIRS, AND WHAT SHAPE DO YOU THINK THIS ROLE WILL TAKE?

A: JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE A STRONG, COMMON INTEREST IN PROMOTING STABILITY IN ASIA AND IN HELPING TO FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. JAPAN'S ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS INCREASING AND ITS TERMS HAVE BECOME SOMEWHAT MORE LIBERAL. THE UNITED STATES CERTAINLY WELCOMES THESE MOVES BY JAPAN. AS FOR JAPAN'S ROLE IN ASIA - REGARDLESS WHERE FOR THAT MATTER - THAT IS UP TO JAPAN TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE.

10) Q: WHAT ROLE DOES THE U.S. EXPECT JAPAN TO PLAY IN THE POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION OF INDOCHINA? AND COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL U.S.-NORTH VIETNAM ECONOMIC COMMISSION WHICH SEEMS TO BE A TURNAROUND FROM THE U.S.'S EARLIER EMPHASIS ON MULTILATERAL EFFORTS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF INDOCHINA?

A: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BI-LATERAL COMMISSION IN NO WAY DIMISHES OUR DESIRE FOR MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NATIONS OF INDOCHINA. THERE IS A BIG JOB TO BE DONE THERE AND IT WILL REQUIRE THE EFFORTS OF MANY COUNTRIES. WELCOME THE ASSISTANCE JAPAN IS GIVING TO THE NATIONS OF THE REGION. IN THIS AS IN OTHER AID QUESTIONS, THE MAGNITUDE AND NATURE OF ANY FUTURE ASSISTANCE WILL NATURALLY BE DECIDED BY JAPAN.

11) Q: THE CONCEPT OF A "NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER" HAS CAUSED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONFUSION HERE IN JAPAN. CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT HOW THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ENVISIONS THIS NEW CONCEPT AND JAPAN'S ROLE  
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IN IT?

A: WE ARE PROPOSING TO OUR MAJOR ALLIES IN EUROPE, TO JAPAN, AND TO CANADA THAT WE DEVELOP A JOINT DECLARATION WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A CLEAR SET OF PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE US IN HANDLING THE ISSUES THAT CONFRONT US. IT WOULD, IN EFFECT, BE A TOOL FOR MANAGING OUR DIVERSITY WHILE WE SEEK THE COMMON GOALS WHICH UNDERLIE OUR UNITY. JAPAN'S ROLE WILL DEPEND ON WHAT JAPAN BELIEVES THAT ROLE SHOULD BE. EACH NATION IN DEFINING ITS ROLE MUST BALANCE ITS OWN DESIRES AND INTERESTS AGAINST THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE DECLARATION.

12) Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO SUPPORT JAPAN'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A PERMANENT SEAT ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS?

A: THE UNITED STATES WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THE GRANTING OF A PERMANENT SEAT TO JAPAN IN RECOGNITION OF HER PLACE IN WORLD AFFAIRS AND HER IMPORTANCE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY.

13) A: HOW DO YOU REGARD THE FACT THAT JAPAN HAS NOT YET RATIFIED THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY?

A: WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ACHIEVING THE BROADEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO THE NPT AND THUS HOPE THAT JAPAN WILL RATIFY IT.

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14) Q: PRESIDENT NIXON AND PRIME MINISTER TANAKA WILL BE MEETING IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY. CAN YOU INDICATE WHICH MAJOR TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THOSE MEETINGS?

A. PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AND PRESIDENT NIXON HAVE A GREAT MANY THINGS TO DISCUSS, COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES IMPORTANT TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I THINK IT UNCLASSIFIED

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IS A BIT EARLY TO GO INTO DETAILS AT THIS POINT.

15) Q: IS THE UNITED STATES PREPARING TO REMOVE ITS VOICE OF AMERICA TRANSMITTER FROM JAPANESE SOIL?

A: THE OKINAWA REVERSION AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VOA RELAY STATION UNTIL 1977 AND FOR JOINT CONSULTATIONS IN 1974 ON THE FUTURE OPERATION OF VOA ON OKINAWA TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE STATION. WE ARE NOW SEEKING FUNDS FROM THE CONGRESS TO UNDERTAKE PLANNING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE STATION SHOULD SUCH A DECISION BE MADE.

16) Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE RETURN OF  
THE NORTHERN ISLANDS TO JAPAN?

A: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED  
THAT THESE ISLANDS (HABOMAI, SHIKOTAN, ETOROFU, AND  
KUNASHIRI) SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS UNDER JAPANESE  
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